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IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, replace paragraph 1 with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Utility Patent Application No. 09/741,594 filed December 19, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,491,881B2, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Utility Patent Application No. 09/468,767 filed December 21, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,451,272B1 the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated in their entirety by reference herein.

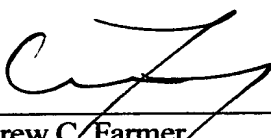
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This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 27, 2004. Presently, claims 1 to 29 are pending in the application. Claims 1 to 29 stand rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 to 23 of U.S. Patent No. 6,451,272B1. Claims 1 to 29 stand rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1 to 31 of U.S. Patent No. 6,491,881B2. Applicants traverse each rejection and request reconsideration and reexamination of the application.

Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer thereby mooting the rejection.

Applicants submit that the application is presently in condition for allowance and request favorable reconsideration and early notice of allowance. Applicants encourage the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone if it would speed prosecution.

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